



Formal Session Hot Points & Community Updates from Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones



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Henry Ford Health Systems Parking Structure

On Tuesday, October 20, 2020 the Detroit City Council **approved** to Amend Chapter 50 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Zoning, by amending article 17, Section 50-17-8, District Map No.7, to show a Planned Development District Zoning Classification where an R3 Low Density Residential Classification is currently shown. Henry Ford Health Systems (HFHS) will build and operate a new parking structure, generally for employees who currently park on surface lots blocks away from the hospital causing them to be shuttled in.

The proposed garage will consist of seven levels and accommodate approximately 1,891 vehicles. The developer spoke with the impacted neighbors and as a result has agreed to lower the height of the northwest corner from seven (7) stories to five (5). This structure will help recruit talent to keep Henry Ford Hospital a Top 100 medical provider and will turn into an academic campus as well according to Marc Corriveau the Vice President of Corporate Government Affairs at HFHS.

Grants Approved

The Detroit City Council **approved** a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services awarded to the **City of Detroit Health Department for the Fiscal Year 2020 CRF Immunization Grant for a total of \$435,558.00**. The grant period is October 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

The funding allotted to the department will be used to establish a vaccination program for influenza that can be used as a blueprint for the implementation of a vaccination program when a COVID vaccine become available.

The Detroit City Council **approved** a grant from the Michigan Public Health Institute awarded to the **City of Detroit Health Department for the Fiscal Year 2020 Coronavirus Racial Disparities Task Force Rapid Response Team Initiative Grant for a total of \$900,000.00**. The grant period is October 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

The funding will be used to pay for COVID-19 response related administrative, staff salary/fringe, supplies, contracts, marketing/education and tuition expenses.

Expedited Permit Process for Outdoor Café

The Detroit City Council **approved** a resolution to implement the Expedited Permit Process for Outdoor Café Permit. The resolution approves an expedited permit for this streamlined process and grants approval of all outdoor café permits submitted for outdoor dining café seating areas for all licensed food service establishments for the 2020 season that meet the criteria.

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Outdoor Café continued...

The original process would have expired in November. It was well received and many businesses asked for a program extension through the winter months (December 1st - April 1st) to once again serve as extended dining space during the unprecedented times of COVID-19.

Council President Jones Is Consistent With Her Support for Detroit Residents

Council President Brenda Jones voted "No" to approve the following contractors:

- Century Cement Co.
- Jozef Contractor, Inc.

Council President Jones is committed to ensuring that Detroit residents have access to employment opportunities on City of Detroit contracts! **As a result, she votes no weekly on contracts that do not employ at least 51% Detroiters.** While she supports the activities and services provided by the contractors, it is crucial that businesses that contract with the City of Detroit are held accountable for hiring Detroiters!

New Legislation in the Pipeline

Council President Jones is currently drafting legislation to address Target Business and Employment to increase accountability for City departments, agencies and contractors.

Are you Looking for Halloween Festivities?

In lieu of Ford Motor Company's annual "Trunk or Treat" event, they will be putting on the Michigan Central Station Halloween Light Display on **October 30th and October 31, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** The driving path begins on Vernor Highway and participants are asked to remain in their vehicle while passing by.

Urban Unity CDC – Get Out to Vote Event

Urban Unity CDC will be hosting a Get Out to Vote Event on October 31, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 15560 Joy Rd. This will be a drive up event where participants will receive information on voting along with COVID testing, back to school supplies, and food giveaway boxes.

Attention Detroit:

The Detroit City Council approved a resolution to cancel Formal Session on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 due to the election and it has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

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